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1. A labor union at Livanda [sic] ventured to organize a meeting to protest against the new Bulgarian system of arrest without charges, which has been put into effect of late. This protest meeting was held on Sunday 28 Mar 54.
2. The "gendarmarie" (presumably militia) undertook to discipline the demonstrators. The result was a fracas, in which four men were killed and twelve wounded, all from the ranks of workers. Among the militia, one man was killed and six wounded.
3. Finally, the 16th Battalion of the 11th Division took a hand to restore order. Thirty-five workers were arrested and taken to Turnovo.

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